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SUBJECT: 2002 International Narcotics Control Strategy
Report for Sri Lanka, statistics update

Refs: (A) Colomobo 2304

- (B) State 240035
- (C) State 240015

1. Please find attached Mission's statistical update for the 2002 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report (INSCR).

2. Per instructions in Ref C, Mission is providing the following statistics for Section V of the 2002 INSCR. ((NOTE: The statistical information was not yet available from the Sri Lankan government when Ref A was submitted.)) The Police Narcotics Bureau provided the following from its collation of data from all government organizations involved in counternarcotic arrests and seizures. Figures for 2001 and 2002 cover the first eleven months of the year. Because of the relatively small quantities of narcotics involved, units are kilograms and acres, rather than metric tons and hectares. ((NOTE: The National Dangerous Drugs Control Board and the PNB issue slightly different statistics for the same period, Mission does not have the capacity to determine which is more precise.))

3. Keyed to instructions in Ref C

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IV. Statistical Tables

-- Opium	2002	2001	2000
seized	16.77kg	0kg	36.4kg
-- Heroin			
seized	60.13kg	81kg	87.1kg
-- Cannabis			
cultivation	unknown	unknown	unknown
eradicated	15acres	6acres	15acres
harvested	unknown	unknown	unknown
seized	19,885kg	34,700kg	20,800kg
-- Arrests	15,976	8,593	12,600

-- Users: The NDDCB estimates 50,000 addicts, the PNB estimates over 100,000, and some NGOs place give estimates of over 200,000. The Sri Lankan government currently does not have a tracking means to identify users or to track those that have been identified because they have gone to a government run rehabilitation clinic. Until there is a standardized means of measuring the number of users in Sri Lanka the estimates on the amount of users will continue to vary drastically.

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